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DOD POLICY ON THE BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE PROCESS

Secretary of Defense William J. Perry and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General John Shalikashvili jointly issued the following statement on 1995 base closures:

"We will conduct the 1995 round of base closure. The prudent management of our resources demands it. As in the past, the number and type of facilities recommended for closure will depend on our force structure needs. We shall also consider the cumulative economic impact on communities as well as our capacity to responsibly manage re-use of closed facilities. We must proceed to close bases in order to save money, managing the process in a way that recognizes that base closing costs money before it saves money. Too much, too soon jeopardizes our current program; too little, too late jeopardizes our future program. These are the considerations that will determine the size and shape of the closings we will recommend to the Base Closure and Realignment Commission for 1995. If closures beyond the amount we can responsibly accomplish in 1995 are required or force structure requirements change, we will seek authority for future BRAC rounds."

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